



GCE AS/A LEVEL – NEW

2120UC0-1



RELIGIOUS STUDIES – AS unit 1

Option C

An Introduction to the Study of Judaism

THURSDAY, 17 MAY 2018 – MORNING

1 hour 15 minutes

ADDITIONAL MATERIALS

A WJEC pink 16-page answer booklet.

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Use black ink or black ball-point pen.

Answer **two** questions.

Write your answers in the separate answer booklet provided.

Write the number of each question you answer both alongside your answer and on the front cover of the answer booklet.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

Each question carries 30 marks.

The number of marks is given in brackets at the end of each part-question.

You are reminded of the need to:

- reflect on, select and apply specified knowledge.
- understand, interpret and evaluate critically religious concepts, texts and other sources.
- identify, investigate and critically analyse questions, arguments, ideas and issues arising from within this unit.
- construct well informed and reasoned arguments substantiated by relevant evidence.
- engage in debate in a way that recognises the right of others to hold a different view.
- present responses to questions which are clear and coherent.
- use specialist language and terminology appropriately.
- use spelling, punctuation and grammar appropriately.

UNIT 1 – An Introduction to the Study of Religion
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Part (a) of each question tests your knowledge and understanding of religion and belief.
 Part (b) of each question tests your skills of analysis and evaluation, with regards to aspects of and approaches to religion and belief.

Section A

*Answer **one** question from this section.*

Either,

1. (a) Examine how a synagogue is a place for prayer and ritual. [15]
- (b) 'The synagogue is where Jews should learn about Judaism.'
 Evaluate this view. [15]

Or,

2. (a) Explain the practices of Pesach **and** their significance. [15]
- (b) 'Festivals are the most effective way of reinforcing Jewish identity.'
 Evaluate this view. [15]

Section B

*Answer **one** question from this section.*

Either,

3. (a) Explain the significance of Abraham's faith **and** how it was tested. [15]
- (b) 'The covenant made with Abraham was a universal covenant.'
 Evaluate this view. [15]

Or,

4. (a) Explain Jewish beliefs about the characteristics of God. [15]
- (b) 'In Judaism it is impossible to know God.'
 Evaluate this view. [15]

Or,

5. (a) Explain how the Ten Sayings (Aseret ha-Dibrot) are the basis for Jewish religious life. [15]
- (b) 'The Ten Sayings are the most important guide for Jewish ethical living.'
 Evaluate this view. [15]

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